




BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: July 9, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0341: Franchise – Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Sections A and C**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0341, for the purpose of granting a franchise to the Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”), formerly known as the Mass Transit Administration, of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland to use and maintain the existing Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Sections A and C, located within the boundaries of the City of Baltimore, as shown on the documents entitled “Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Phase 1, Section A Route Map”, dated September, 1976 and filed in the Department of Public Works on October 1, 1976, and “Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Section C Route Map”, dated April 1, 1988 and filed in the Department of Public Works on April 15, 1988, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would extend the MTA’s right to use and maintain sections of the Baltimore Metro for an additional 25 years.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0341.

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor’s Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. David H. Framm, *Department of Transportation*  
Mr. Eric Tiso, *Department of Planning*